

***Congregational
United Church of Christ***

***Sunday Worship Schedule
Indoor In-Person 10:00am (MDT)
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[CUCCBuenaVistaCO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNKA2oUfDbUT2zWA62aqDhg)***

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As followers of Jesus, we are committed to exploring
together Jesus' teachings, his actions, and his justice,
to better love, respect, and welcome all people.
(CUCC's Mission, Identity & Purpose)

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are on life's journey, you are welcome here at
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News and Views

Congregational United Church of Christ
October 2021



MODERATOR'S MOMENT

What is family? My initial thought includes parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. They are the ones related to you by blood. They are a part of your life and help raise you. They play a part in shaping and molding you into the person you become as an adult.

In Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, copyright 1967, the first definition for Family is 'Fellowship.' Everyone who has ever attended this church, whether they join and become members or choose to affiliate with this church, are family. In the proposed by-laws the committee has established a section relating to "Affiliates." Affiliates are defined as "those who choose to play an active role in this church but do not wish to join as members." We encourage them to become a part of a Team. They have a voice, but cannot vote at Congregational meetings. Our expectations of Affiliates and Members are the same: "attend services, contribute financially in support of the church, share the Church's ministry, and seek the spiritual and general wellbeing of others."

Our CUCC family is made up of persons from many different denominations: Methodist, American Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and others. Many differing backgrounds, theologies, liturgies, yet all coming together to become family.

"No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista." We have this sentiment posted on the east side of our building and it appears on the back cover of the monthly newsletter. We welcome all into our family, just as they are. We don't seek to make them over into what we want them to be. Instead, we seek to learn about the path that brought them to us, which allows us to grow as persons.

Even if you've relocated, are a member or an affiliate that doesn't attend, or a former member who has withdrawn your membership, you remain part of our family. When you grieve, we grieve. When ill, we pray for you. We rejoice at joys in your life. Even those who have passed away are still here with us, a part of our family.

The following song lyrics sum up what I'm trying to say:

*No man is an island, no man stands alone, each man's joy is joy to me,
each man's grief is my own. We need one another, so I will defend,
each man as my brother, each man as my friend.
I saw the people gather, I heard the music start, the song that they were singing is ringing in my heart.
No man is an island, way out in the blue, we all look to the one above,
for our strength to renew. When I help my brother, then I know that I
plant the seed of friendship, that will never die.*

Merilee Daugherty, Moderator

WORSHIP AT CUCC! WITH SINGING!
Every Sunday at 10:00am
INDOORS
Masks encouraged.
See you there!

PASTOR’S ARTICLE, October 2021

“Remember your First Love and Dance into your One Holy Life”

Happy Fall! Here we go, officially into the most beautiful season of the year (in my opinion). I hope you can get out and enjoy the beautiful colors on these lovely warm days, or at least see some lovely pics by adventuresome friends and family!

We invite you to a Listening Journey this fall. As a congregation and as individuals in tune with the Spirit, we are learning to listen *actively* and *attentively* in dialogue with folks who see things differently than we do, come from various life experiences, or view the world and civic life from a perspective that we need to understand better.

Conversations That Matter (4pm on Sundays) is endeavoring to learn and practice Bridge-building for October and beyond, as we research current issues from many perspectives and learn conversation skills for talking about them in our community and beyond. Our “One Church—One Book” exploration of *Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry invites us into that journey with persons of color and one another as we read and discuss as a congregation and in our homes with our loved ones. (*Pick up a book in the narthex, if you haven’t yet, and join in!*)

Our CUCC Retreat on Oct. 5th delves-in to the personal level, as we explore listening and restoration of relationships in our family and friends circle, learning from the elephants how to live and move and have our being in healthy community.

The Holy Spirit has been working on me as I plan Sunday Worship. Listening to Spirit and the voices of the congregation has compelled me to engage more interactively and in dialogue in worship; to help us all engage our spiritual and devotional lives together. We’ve been immersing ourselves in scripture passages together this past month, “living in The Book of James.” We have had wonderful conversations in Worship about the passages and shared how we have seen the scriptures and guidance ‘come to life’ in our daily living, all around us.

We’ve also engaged in Holistic Spiritual Practices, taking the message from Sunday into every day. It’s been an inspiring journey so far! I hope you’ll join us if you haven’t yet and see how fulfilling life can be when we fully engage our faith journey, “make everything a prayer,” and commune with our Creator and one another more deeply.

If this is too new and different for you, I encourage you to *pray* about it and keep endeavoring to engage. There is no grade on that homework! The practices are purely for your enjoyment and connecting to our “First Love,” as Rev. Gregg Meserole reminded us so beautifully.

How do you Listen to the Spirit in your life? For me, dancing and joining in community around music is how I most feel joy and connection to God. This poem from *Hafiz* came to me last Friday before we danced in community at the Renewal music festival all weekend! Here’s an excerpt as we *“Remember our First Love and Dance into our One Holy Life!”*

“Cast All Your Votes For Dancing”
Keep squeezing drops of the Sun
From your prayers and work and music
And from your companions’ beautiful laughter.

Keep squeezing drops of the Sun
From the sacred hands and glance of your Beloved
From the most insignificant movements
Of your own holy body.

You are with the Friend now.
Learn what actions of yours delight Him,
What actions of yours bring freedom
And Love.

Now, sweet one,
Be wise.
Cast all your votes for Dancing!
~ Hafiz ~

Blessings, Rebecca

CUCC GOOD-TO-KNOWS

ARKANSAS VALLEY CHRISTIAN MISSION HELP AVAILABLE AND HELP NEEDED

The Mission is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00am-2:00pm or by appointment. Hot lunches will be served again in the near future.

Curious as to what they do? The Mission offers groceries and a client pantry, employment resources, health care references, prescription co-pay assistance, and limited financial assistance for emergencies.

Want to get involved? The Mission is in need of volunteers to help work at the mission serving our community. Even a few hours a month would be welcome!

Please contact the Mission at 719-395-9321, email to ark.christian.mission@gmail.com, visit www.avcmbv.org, or stop by at 122 Cottonwood Ave., BV.

BE IN THE KNOW!

- ♦ Copies of Sunday messages can be found in the file box outside the pastor’s office door or received in the mail or via email.
- ♦ Sunday messages are also posted on the church website at www.bvcucc.org/home/Sunday-messages.
- ♦ To receive the CUCC weekly email blast, contact the office at 719-395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.
- ♦ Nancy is in the front office M, W, F from 9-2.
- ♦ Contact Nancy in the office at 719-395-2544 to get on the birthday/ anniversary list. *Please include the year of said birthday or anniversary.*

RECYCLING AT CUCC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

The dumpster with the yellow lid is CUCC's recycling bin. For \$8/month, you will receive the code to that dumpster, a list of what you can and cannot put in there (from the CCW website), and the convenience of single-stream recycling. The recycling is picked up every week. (Don’t dump your bag in with the stuff—empty the bag of stuff into the dumpster and reuse your bag!)

The subscription program is now available to those outside of CUCC, so let your friends and neighbors know that they can also sign up for \$8/month.

Contact Nancy in the office to sign up: 395-2544, office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

Make checks out to CUCC and put "recycling" in the memo line.

COMPOSTING AT CUCC

Sign up at <http://www.elementscompost.com/residential-composting.html> for your own personal composting.

Compost generated directly by the church may be added for free, but individuals must sign up in order to be able to add their own personal composting.

For those adding CUCC’s compost, the lock code is available in the office. Please see the information sheet in the kitchen and on the composting bins for what is and is not allowed.

**Part of our church family who would
enjoy Prayers, Cards, or perhaps a Visit**

Nan Bohe cell (720) 616-3546; rm (720) 542-1776
Life Care Center of Westminster, Durango Hall, Rm. 123
7751 Zenobia Court, Westminster, CO 80030

Roger Cason (303) 756-1546 (nursing station)
Brookshire House, Rm. 12B
4660 E Asbury Circle, Denver, CO 80222

Lindsey (Fagerberg) & Koby Close
5413 W Caribbean Ln., Glendale, AZ 85306

Paul Dormeister (262) 344-2414
5522 64th St., Kenosha, WI 53142

Marge Dorfmeister (970) 812-5119
Mesa View
601 Horizon Pl., Rm. 133
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Lorraine Green (719) 207-4827
Columbine Manor, Rm. D2-1
530 W 16th St., Salida, CO 81201

Betty Gwynn (719) 395-2966
29155 CR 331, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Lucille Habeck
942 Wiggins Pkwy., #1215, Mesquite, TX 75150

Al & Phyllis McCall (719) 966-9552-A, (719) 659-9597-P
7950 W. Byers Ave. #102, Lakewood, CO 80226

Millie & Tom Meardon (719) 221-2067 -M
813 Evergreen Place, La Junta, CO 81050

Charlotte Smith (303) 986-2216
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Rm. 403
9875 Morrison Rd., Lakewood, CO 80227

Sarah Struthers (719) 395-6888
17100 CR 363, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Gerry and Jean Venard (719) 966-9524
3377 Mill Vista Road, Unit #3205
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Doris Westerlund
c/o Sue Stanek, 8045 183rd St. W
Lakeville, MN 55044

Glen & Joan Wilder (719) 395-8722
29531 CR 372A, Buena Vista, CO 81211

Wilma and Angie Williams (719) 395-2702
PO Box 1808
208 S Colorado, Buena Vista, CO 81211

CUCC Special Dates



BIRTHDAYS

October 6—Roger Cason
October 11—Herb Daugherty
October 11—Avis Rutkowski
October 13—ViJeanne Williams
October 13—Alice Wolters
October 16—Brady Wolters
October 19—Shirl Holloway
October 21—Dick Scar
October 24—Ruth Amster

ANNIVERSARIES

October 25—Steve & Adele Jackson



Don't see your special day listed?
Please contact Nancy in the office at 719-395-2544
or office.bvcucc@gmail.com .

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Joan Wilder—Healing
Roger Cason—Healing
Nan Bohe—Healing
Sarah & Rod Struthers—Healing
Pam Hughes—Healing
Al & Phyllis McCall—Healing
Brooke Davis (Doyle & Leonard Nyberg's
cousin)—Healing
Diana Lynn Hilt (Lucille Habeck's daughter)—Healing
Nancy Russell (Marge Dorfmeister's sister-in-law)—Healing
Pat & Jim Driskel (aunt & uncle of Doyle and Leonard
Nyberg)—Healing
Julia Munson (sister-in-law of Adele Jackson)—Healing
Charlotte Smith—Healing
Consuelo Arriola (friend of Debby Cason)—Healing
Maritza Kaniewski (friend of Debby Cason)—Healing
Lisa Hust (friend of Bob Stocker & Ellen Kely)—Healing
Robert Renaux—Comfort in the passing of his wife of
61 years, Joyce
Elvin Benton—Healing
Fred Stearns (friend of Betsy Neas)—Healing
Katie Ferris—Healing
Vivian York—Healing



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS

94th +1 ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Bazaar was a terrific success! Our crowd, though smaller than previous years, was extremely generous with all their purchases. We also appreciated the attendees honoring our COVID safety requests.

With vacations, fall events, and injuries, many people stepped up to help where needed. Without lunch being sold, crafts were located in Fellowship Hall and other departments were in surrounding rooms. Set-up was able to be done ahead of time and take-down was done without the usual frenzy.

Following the 1:00pm closing time, a tasty baked potato bar was served to the workers. It was a nice way to wind down and visit before any clean-up.

Women's Missionary Society uses the proceeds, from this event, to support non-profit organizations—locally, nation-wide, and internationally. The raffle quilt was won by Phyl Wolf and Delmar Smith's wooden carving went to Betty Muecke.

- Janet Steiner, Bazaar Chair

The beauty of the fall colors are all around us. Take a moment today to breathe in the autumn glory, giving thanks of God for all that surrounds us. Our Bazaar was an outstanding success, and in Janet's words turned out "terrific!" A big "Thank you" to everyone who helped in any way! *Special gratitude* to Janet who's long term efforts made this all happen.

- Blessings, Marge Erickson, WMS President



Happy winner Phyl Wolf



Lucky winner Betty Muecke

LA PUENTE HYGIENE BAGS

deadline - Oct. 15

Fall is here, bringing with it the time to fill hygiene bags for the La Puente Mission in Alamosa. If you are new and have questions, please contact Rhonda Funston at 719-207-0653.

Items needed:

toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath towels, wash cloths, bar soap, shampoo, razors, combs, hair brushes, bandanas, after shave, shaving cream, and winter socks for both men and women

Your contributions of items or funds are always appreciated!

Please leave your item donations in the center drawer of the box in the narthex.

WMS is very grateful for your help with this worthwhile mission! The bags will be delivered after Oct. 15.

WMS FALL SOUP LUNCHEON

SPEAKER MATT GOWER

—ALL ARE INVITED!

Thursday, October 28

12:00 noon, CUCC Fellowship Hall

Matt Gower, Director of Senior Programs at the Area Agency on Aging, will educate us all on the many programs available to seniors in Chaffee County through the AAA.



view from the Mountain

“Clutter in the House Leads to Clutter in the Mind”

The Winchester Sun—January 17, 2006

I am presently sitting in my office on the blue and white striped sofa and trying to focus on writing a few columns. You know what? I can't, because everywhere I look in this room, there are piles, piles of letters to answer, pictures to sort and put in books, books galore to donate to our library, trash to empty, an old grandfather clock whose face caved in so it won't keep time. There are piles of supplies like paper, every possible size envelope, extra discs and ribbons for the word processor. Even the pretty blue flowered rug is askew, and that makes me crazy. In fact, every area rug in this house is askew, and it has finally dawned on me that this old house is wanky-jawed and that, given enough time, every rug and picture on the wall will be lopsided. Every time I walk through it, I have to straighten things.

Do I sound compulsive? Obsessive? Unfocused? Well, OK, so I'm not perfect, but I simply cannot think clearly when things are wanky-jawed. So, I just put my pen down, put the paper aside and tried to make sense of my frustrations.

First off, the backed-up pile of letters to answer. Of course, if I did not write so many letters and cultivate my relationships, I would not have a stack of letters to answer. I guess I have to admit that a pet peeve of mine is to finally answer a letter only to have the recipient fire back an answer to me the very same day! I mean, it sort of registers in my brain that I've taken care of that person for a few weeks or so. That's why I usually set aside one day to answer every letter so that the space on my desk is empty, vacant, with no one waiting to hear from me. The point is, I want to keep it empty for a while, but nooooo, some people fire back a letter ASAP. Maybe they too like to keep their letters-to-answer stack empty.

Then there are these pictures. Remember when we went to Delray Beach to break up my mother's home so she could enter an assisted living facility? Well, among many other things, I brought back literally thousands of family pictures with righteous intentions of dividing them up among the family. I did do that, but lo and behold, that still left me with thousands of old pictures that should be categorized into books. And there they still sit in big clear plastic containers right here in my office and mocking me every time I enter. Listen, it hurts my back to sit for hours, but I will do this one snowy day soon.

As for all the books we've accumulated over many years and now want to donate to the library, well, I started pulling them out and stacking them into piles on the floor, but it looked so cluttered one day and so distracting, I spent an hour putting every last book back on the shelves! Now I have to do it all over again.

Now, this grandfather clock. What on earth happened to punch in its face? I certainly did not do it, but tomorrow I'll ask Gene to pick it up and take it to the repair shop because I love the ticking sound. While he's in here, I'll ask him to empty the trash can. I can clearly see that the problem is the can is way too big. If it were small, it would only hold a little trash, which doesn't look half so bad as a lot of trash. We need to buy a little trash can.

Then I straightened up the supplies and put them into one drawer, and voila! Now, if I can only get the rug straight. Maybe when I do I should duck tape it down all the way around!

Man oh man! Look how late it is, and I haven't finished a single column. Let me try again, just for you.

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

Jean Brody



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(CUCC's Mission, Identity & Purpose)

INSPIRATION CORNER

ROGER CASON FISHING

On Sept. 16, the Activities Director at Brookshire House where Roger lives took seven of the men fishing (catch & release) at a fish hatchery in Bailey. Roger had a wonderful time, catching two fish!



VISIT HOME FOR ROGER CASON

On Sept. 11, Roger was able to spend some lovely time at home with Debby, Betsy Neas, and Pastor Rebecca.



COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY RESOURCES GUIDE

Looking for community resources and services, either for yourself or others? Mike Orrill and his team have created a website to help all of Chaffee County connect and easily find what services and resources are available. Please check out the following Chaffee Resources site: www.chaffeerresources.com.

BV HOPE NEWS (BV Helping Others Protecting Everyone)

Come join the fight against human trafficking with these two opportunities to get involved! Questions? Call Beth Ritchie at 719-395-6938.

WALK FOR FREEDOM

Saturday, October 16, 1:00pm

First Presbyterian Church, 7 Poncha Blvd., Salida

Raise awareness with every step!


HALLOWEEN JAZZ CONCERT & DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR HAVEN FOR HOPE

Saturday, October 30, 7:00pm

Salida SteamPlant

Donations at the door for entry, silent auction, live auction—lots of fun!

CHURCH-COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS




TELLS
Tuesday Evening
Ladies
Literary Society
Tuesdays, 7:00pm MDT
via Zoom & In Person
All women are welcome!

The group is reading
"Praying on Empty" by Rev. Marjorie Weiss.

We share life, faith, family stories, support, fun and humor—please join us! This is a PERFECT time to expand and enlighten our faith and life with our sisters in Christ!

Contact Pastor Rebecca to get on the email and Zoom link list:
revbecca@icloud.com



BIBLE STUDY
Invitations from Grace Church

CUCC folks are heartily invited to join a Women's or Men's Bible Study at Grace Church. Currently on Zoom, they will be in-person later this season.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Fridays at 10:00am, via Zoom
led by Bob Yinger

Get on the list and receive a zoom link by contacting Robert Yinger at robertyinger@mac.com or Ray Stwalley at araystwalley@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Mondays at 9:30am, via Zoom
led by Rev. Catherine Tran

Get on the list and receive a zoom link by contacting Catherine at cathctran@gmail.com.

CHURCH-COMMUNITY NEWS

BV HOPE MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY
"BV Helping Other Protecting Everyone"

BV HOPE has been given a \$5,000 matching grant, followed by another \$3,000 matching grant, for a total of an \$8,0000 matching grant challenge!

Please help spread the word, as well as consider making a donation towards the challenge yourself.

Send a check to BVHOPE, PO Box 3153, Buena Vista, CO 81211-3153 or use the PayPal link on our website at bvhope.org. All donations are tax-deductible.


Thank you in advance for your generosity!

RESTORE INNOCENCE AND RESTORATION BAGS

- The Restore Innocence name has been changed to Reclaiming Hope, and Restoration Bags are now called Hope Bags.

- **WALK FOR FREEDOM**
Saturday, October 16
1:00pm-3:00pm
First Presbyterian Church, Salida (across from Safeway)

Please join in this walk which shines a light on the issue of human trafficking!



BACKPACK PROGRAM

Your continued support is appreciated! Please place items in donation box in the narthex (under coat rack)

Always welcome:

Tuna — Chef Boyardee — Juice Boxes — Fruit Cups — Pudding Cups — Granola or Cereal Bars

ARKANSAS VALLEY CHRISTIAN MISSION

The Christian Mission needs donations of peanut butter & jelly, non-perishable canned goods, fresh items from your garden, and, of course, financial contributions to help local families who need emergency funds due to job loss, evictions, etc.


Checks should be taken directly to the mission on Tues., Wed., or Fridays, 11:00am - 2:00pm, or call Helen Duncan at 395-5768.

CUCC IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

CUCC & FRIENDS CO-ED RETREAT OPPORTUNITY
"The Elephant In the Room: A Day Retreat on Reconciliation & Restoration of Relationship"
Tuesday, October 5
10:00am - 2:00pm
Ron & Marge Erickson's — 12900 CR 162, Nathrop

Led by Molly Stuart and Pastor Rebecca, with Conversation, Journaling & Reflection, and Labyrinth Time (weather permitting!)

Bring your lunch, carpool at CUCC at 9:30am.
RSVP to Pastor Rebecca soon! 719-252-6890



CALL FOR BIRTHDAY CARDS - LET'S HELP CELEBRATE ROGER CASON'S 83RD BIRTHDAY!

Debby Cason will be leaving on October 6 for Roger's 83rd birthday and would LOVE to take some cards from people who know him. The can be sent to Roger In Care of Debby Cason, 20155 Hideout Lane, Nathrop, CO 81236. Debby & Roger will open them together as part of their celebration. Thank you so much!

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP—LOVE IS THE WAY
Thursdays, starting October 7
10:00am-12:00pm
Rainbow Room at CUCC
***Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry**

This new group will read a chapter of Bishop Curry's 12-chapter book per week. Facilitated by Molly Stuart and Betsy Neas, the group's subtitle is "Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times," which sums up the essence of the book. Call Betsy at 719-966-9894 for more information. Books are available in the church narthex (\$20 suggested donation).

COMMUNION SERVICES NOTICE

Please bring your own communion elements to the Communion Worship services until further notice.

NEW FRONT DOOR CODE

The new code is 0217 (zero followed by the church's street number).

The back door code remains the same (2735).

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AE=Adult Ed. Rm. CH=Choir Room D=Drama Room FH=Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen S=Sanctuary PO=Pastor's Office #7—Room #7					1 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	2 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7 10am-2pm HCFAA -FH, S
3 10am Communion Sunday Indoor Worship 4-5:30pm Conversations That Matter -FH	4 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 4-6:30pm HCFAA-FH	5 10am-2pm CUCC & Friends Co-ed RETREAT 4:15-6:15pm HCFAA-FH 6:30-8pm Scouts -FH	6	7 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 10am-12pm Love Is the Way Book Discussion Group-RR 6-8pm HCFAA-FH	8 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	9 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
10 10am Indoor Worship 4-5:30pm Conversations That Matter -FH	11 9am-4:30pm Monarch Quilters-FH, S 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE 6-8pm HCFAA-FH 6-9pm CPC Rehearsal-S, CH	12 8:30-11:30am Monarch Quilters-FH 1-3pm PEO-FH 4-6pm Outreach Team-AE 6:30-8pm scouts -FH 7pm TELLS	13 4-6pm HCFAA-FH	14 9-9:30am Backpacks-FH 10am-12pm Love Is the Way Book Discussion Group-RR 4-6pm HCFAA -FH	15 9:45am-12pm Strong Women -AE	16 9am AA-AE 9am AI-Anon-#7
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31 HALLOWEEN 10am Indoor Worship 4-5:30pm Conversations That Matter						

APPRECIATIONS

KUDOS COLUMN



Janet Steiner and Her Tribe! Everyone and anyone who helped with the Bazaar, making items, setting up, tearing down, spending money, eating goodies, advertising and inviting friends and neighbors! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM ALLINGERS

We would like to thank Rev. Rebecca for leading a wonderful Celebration of Life service for Linette Williams. Also thanks to Arlene Waldorf for the beautiful organ music, Matthew Maloney for recording the service on YouTube, Merilee, Helen, and Betsy for ushering. Thank you to all who attended.

Sincerely,
 Kay, Steve, & Alicia Allinger, Wilma & Angie Williams

THANK YOU FROM MARIANNA FRANTZ

Thank You all—Rebecca, Nancy, congregants who shared in the circle of remembrance. It was super meaningful to us that we were able to be with you on the occasion of Elvin Frantz's passing—Dad was a special man and it was great to hear it from others too.

Marianna Frantz

THANK YOU FROM PEGGY FRANTZ

Thank you to all staff and congregation in honoring my father, Elvin Frantz. Enclosed is another contribution from a relative for the Backpack Program. Again—many thanks.

Peggy Frantz

THANK YOU FROM BV HOPE

Dear Church members,

You helped make a big impact in our community. Thank you so much for your generous donations to the restoration bag event for BV HOPE. We were able to deliver 16 beautiful bags to Restore Innocence. They will be used to help trafficking survivors the moment they are rescued. Imagine the impact they will have!

Sincerely,
 Beth Ritchie, director
 BV HOPE—BV Helping Others Protecting Everyone

THANK YOU TO CROCHETER

To the happy crocheter remaining anonymous, thank you for the adorable sea creatures you provided to sell at the Bazaar.

PASTOR REBECCA WANTS TO CONNECT WITH YOU!

~Pastoral care & counseling, spiritual companioning, or just a warm conversation.

Please set up a time for a porch visit, distanced/masked visit, phone call, text, email or Zoom conversation.
 Email to revbecca@icloud.com or text/call: 719-252-6890.

Pastor's Week:
 Church Ministry Days: Sunday through Thursday
 Family & Sabbath Days: Friday & Saturday

CUCC TEAM REPORTS

The Faith Education Team **Faith Education for Everyone**

Conversations that Matter

On Oct. 17 Susan Thistlethwaite will speak with us about Critical Race Theory. Materials will be emailed addressing both sides of the issue prior to her presentation.

Other topics the group may decide to discuss are vaccinations, personal liberty, and abortion. Come and have your topics chosen! A potential speaker could be Cheryl Kovacic-Brown who is facilitating a new community group, Truth has a Voice. The Director of the Area Agency on Aging has also volunteered to speak with us.

Retreat

Rebecca and Molly Stuart are planning an indoor co-ed retreat at Marge and Ron Erickson's home on October 5 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Call Rebecca for more info.

Tells

We continue to meet in participants' homes. Marjorie Weiss will meet with us over Zoom at some point while we are studying her book, Praying on Empty. The group is open to the whole community.

Betsy Neas

FAITHFUL GIVING **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

Giving for the 4 weeks of Sept. 5-Sept. 26: \$20,952.66
For an average of \$4,974.53 per week.

To meet our Budget, an average of \$3000 per week and \$12,000 per month is needed.

****Please remember to fulfill your Offering Commitment to CUCC's Ministry!****

Outreach/Community & World Team News ***—October greetings!***

We encourage all members and friends to continue to support with their donations:

-- The Backpack Program (both food items and financial donations are needed)

-- The UCC offering "Neighbors in Need"—one of the "five-for-five" special offerings—will be announced on October 3rd and donations will be most welcome through the month. SPECIAL ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT SERVICES & IN THE OFFICE.

-- Please continue to purchase Free Trade coffee and chocolate from the source in the AE room.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
ESPECIALLY THE BACKPACK PROGRAM!!

Helen Duncan, Chair

PASTOR/CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The PCRC is working to maintain an open relationship between the ordained pastor and members of the congregation. Each of the members is open to listening to concerns, and acting within an atmosphere of confidentiality. Let us hear from you.

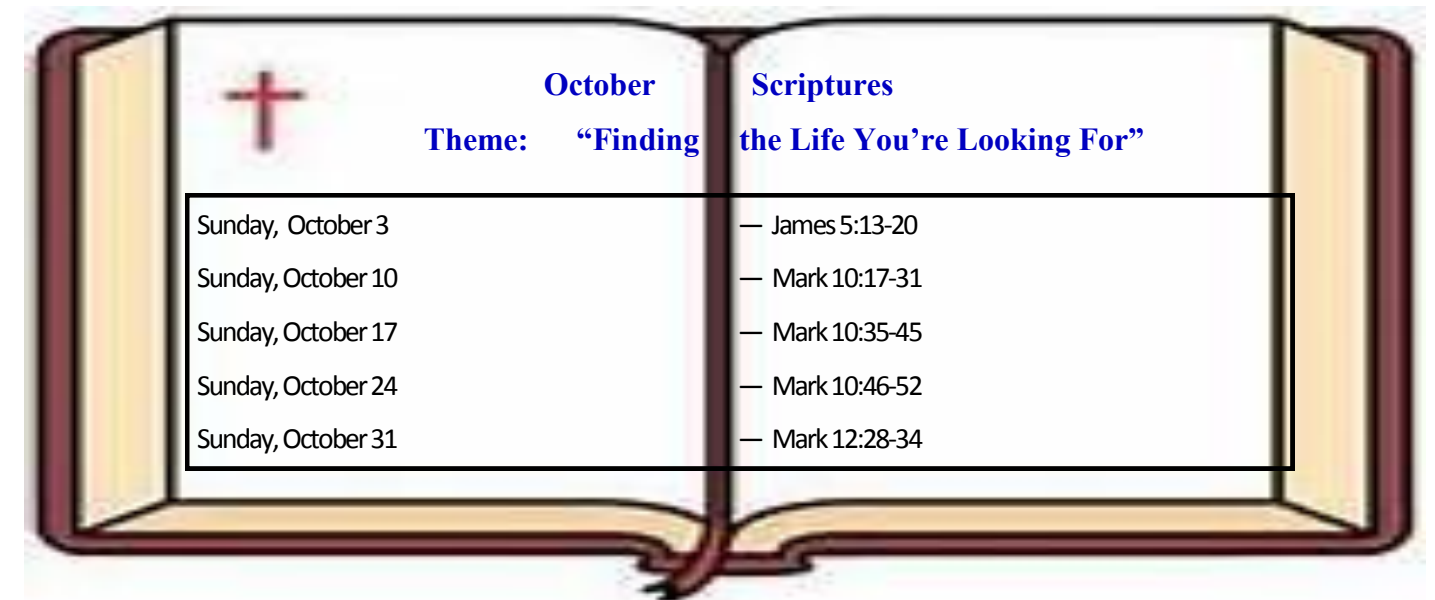
Helen Duncan Arlene Waldorf Mike Evans Kathy Roman Ron Erickson

BY-LAWS UPDATE

At the September 15 Council meeting, we began the discussion of the proposed by-laws with the Council members. We successfully made it through Articles I, II, III, and V. Article IV, which deals with our Faith and Covenant, particularly the Faith portion, is still being fine-tuned. The first five Articles will be known as the Constitution, as it was from the very beginning of our church. We also agreed on By-laws updates for Articles VI through XVII, with the exception of Article VII, Council, #3. At Council's October 20 meeting, we will review Articles XVIII through the end of the document, Article XXV. We hope to be able to present it to you, the Congregation, soon.

The By-laws Committee is made up of Kathy Roman, Mark Wolters, Ann Condra, and Merilee Daugherty.

PLUG INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



October
Theme: "Finding the Life You're Looking For"

Sunday, October 3	— James 5:13-20
Sunday, October 10	— Mark 10:17-31
Sunday, October 17	— Mark 10:35-45
Sunday, October 24	— Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, October 31	— Mark 12:28-34

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We will soon be forming a Nominating Committee to select people to serve on Teams or be the Moderator or Vice Moderator. This church cannot run without volunteers to take on a portion of the work. You do not need to be a member to serve on a Team. Please give some prayerful thought to becoming a larger part of your church.

Merilee Daugherty, Moderator

INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Offer to pick them up!
Let's gather together as a church family!

"CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER" **(Adult Education at CUCC)**

Sundays, beginning October 3
4:00pm-5:30pm
in the fellowship hall
Masks are encouraged.

CTM explores many topics of interest in our times, seeking a balanced perspective.

October's theme: Bridge-Building.

For questions, comments, or to get on the email list, contact: cucc.conversations@icloud.com

DID YOU KNOW?

6 Ways to Give!

Exciting Options for Supporting CUCC!

1. MAIL IN your contribution to CUCC, PO Box 610, Buena Vista, CO 81211-0610
2. DROP OFF at the church building during Nancy's working hours: MWF from 9:00-2:00.
3. Donate ONLINE with our new tithe.ly program! It's safe, secure, quick, and easy. You can even set up recurring payments so that you don't have to think about it each month! How nice is that?
4. DONATE through the CUCC website: bvcucc.org, click DONATE.
5. WORSHIP with us on our YouTube channel, then click 'Please Support Our Church' for giving options.
6. ACH - set up Automatic Giving at your bank. Never miss a month of ministry!

THANK YOU for all the ways you give of yourselves, your gifts, and your lives to CUCC!

ONLINE GIVING APP FOR YOUR PHONE **It's so easy to set up!**

Tithe.ly makes it easy to put the CUCC online giving app right on your phone!

Go to the App store on your phone and download the free app. Setting it up is easy! You'll be glad you did!

